# INFORMATION RELATING TO COINS AND MEDALS.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,
*Philadelphia, March 1, 1912.*

The coins of the United States now authorized by law are:

| Denomination. | Standard weight. | Tolerance allowed by law. | Lowest legal weight. | Standard fineness. | Deviation from standard allowed. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GOLD COINS. | *Grains.* | *Grains.* | *Grains.* | | |
| Double eagle | 516 | 0.50 | 515.50 | 900 | 1 |
| Eagle | 258 | .50 | 257.50 | 900 | 1 |
| Half eagle | 129 | .25 | 128.75 | 900 | 1 |
| Quarter eagle | 64.5 | .25 | 64.25 | 900 | 1 |
| SILVER COINS. | | | | | |
| Half dollar | 192.9 | 1.5 | 191.40 | 900 | 3 |
| Quarter dollar | 96.45 | 1.5 | 94.95 | 900 | 3 |
| Dime | 38.58 | 1.5 | 37.08 | 900 | 3 |
| MINOR COINS. | | | | | |
| Five cents (nickel) | 77.16 | 3 | 74.16 | (1) | |
| One cent (bronze) | 48 | 2 | 46 | (2) | |

[1] 75 per cent copper, 25 per cent nickel. [2] 95 per cent copper, 5 per cent tin and zinc.

The coinage of the following ceased in the years named: Half and one cent, copper, in 1857; one cent, nickel, 1864; half dime and three cents, silver, and two cents, bronze, 1873; twenty cents, silver, 1878; trade dollar, 1883; one dollar and three dollars, gold, and three cents, nickel, 1889; standard silver dollar, 1904. The Columbian half dollar was coined in 1892 and 1893 and the Isabella quarter in 1893. The Lafayette dollar was struck in 1899, the date on the coin (1900) being that of the unveiling of the memorial. The special gold dollars for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition were coined in 1902 and 1903, but have no coinage date upon them. The Lewis and Clark Exposition gold dollar was struck in 1904 and 1905.

Fifty-dollar gold pieces and half dollars and quarter dollars in gold have never been authorized by the United States Government.

*Mint marks.*—Coins struck at the Philadelphia Mint have no mint mark, those struck at all other mints of the United States are distinguished by a small letter on the reverse near the bottom; these letters are: "C" for Charlotte, N. C., discontinued in 1861; "CC" for Carson City, Nev., discontinued in 1893; "D" for Dahlonega, Ga., discontinued in 1861, and for Denver, Colo., since 1906; "O" for New Orleans, La., discontinued July 1, 1911; and "S" for San Francisco, Cal.

*Proof coins.*—A "proof coin" is one struck by hand on a hydraulic press. They are made only at the Philadelphia Mint. The price of a set of gold proof coins is $38.50; the proof set of silver and minor coins, $1.20; the proof set of minor coins, 15 cents. Single gold pieces, in proof, may be had for 25 cents each above their face value, but the other sets will not be separated. Proof coins of the current year can be had from about January 15 to December 31, unless a particular design is superseded in the course of the year, or, as is sometimes the case, the stock of proof coins becomes exhausted a day or so before December 31. Dies wear with use, therefore coins struck late in the year may not be as perfect as those struck earlier. The mint has no coins or sets of coins of other than the current date for sale.

*Medals.*—A list of medals, which can be supplied on order, with the prices thereof, will be found on the following pages. Private medal dies can not, under the law, be prepared at the mint, but when the regular business of the mint will permit, medals may be struck from dies furnished by individuals, public institutions, and incorporated societies at a charge sufficient to cover the cost of the operation and the value of the metal.

The remittance should accompany the order and should be in cash or money order. Make money orders payable to the "Superintendent of the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, Pa." Small packages of proof coins or medals can be sent by registered mail, if 10 cents are inclosed for registry fee, in addition to the regular domestic letter postage, 2 cents for each ounce or fraction; otherwise they will be forwarded by express, "charges collect."

*Old coins.*—The mint does not buy old coins or paper money, nor does it publish or supply any information concerning the prices of old coins and paper money. Coin

dealers are the persons to whom application should be made for such information. Mutilated or uncurrent United States gold and silver coin is purchased as bullion, the gold at the rate of $18.60 per ounce troy, and the silver (in amounts of not less than $3) at the rate of —— cents per ounce troy.

The mint has no pattern pieces for sale.

All correspondence relating to the purchase of coins and medals should be addressed "Superintendent of the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, Pa." Articles which are expected to be returned by mail must be accompanied by 10 cents for return registry fee in addition to regular letter rates.

JOHN H. LANDIS,
*Superintendent.*

Approved:

GEO. E. ROBERTS,
*Director of the Mint.*

## PRICE LIST OF GOLD, SILVER, AND BRONZE MEDALS WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA.

### PRESIDENTIAL.

The presidential medals were formally called "Indian peace medals," from the practice of the War Department in giving them as a friendly peace offering to Indians.

| No. | Name. | Bronze. | Size. | Engraver. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Washington | $1.00 | 48 | Duvivier. |
| 2 | John Adams | 1.00 | 48 | Unknown. |
| 3 | Thomas Jefferson | 1.00 | 48 | Reich. |
| 4 | James Madison | 1.00 | 48 | Do. |
| 5 | James Monroe | 1.00 | 48 | Fürst. |
| 6 | John Q. Adams | 1.00 | 48 | Do. |
| 7 | Andrew Jackson | 1.00 | 48 | Do. |
| 8 | Martin Van Buren | 1.00 | 48 | Do. |
| 9 | William Henry Harrison | 1.00 | 48 | Morgan. |
| 10 | John Tyler | 1.00 | 48 | Unknown. |
| 11 | James K. Polk | 1.00 | 48 | Do. |
| 12 | Zachary Taylor | 1.00 | 48 | Do. |
| 13 | Millard Fillmore | 1.00 | 48 | Ellis & Willson. |
| 14 | Franklin Pierce | 1.00 | 48 | Do. |
| 15 | James Buchanan | 1.00 | 48 | Do. |
| 16 | Abraham Lincoln | 1.00 | 48 | Morgan. |
| 17 | Andrew Johnson | 1.00 | 48 | Paquet. |
| 18 | Ulysses S. Grant | 1.00 | 48 | W. Barber. |
| 19 | Rutherford B. Hayes | 1.00 | 48 | Morgan. |
| 20 | James A. Garfield | 1.00 | 48 | C. Barber & Morgan. |
| 21 | Chester A. Arthur | 1.00 | 48 | Do. |
| 22 | Grover Cleveland | 1.00 | 48 | C. Barber. |
| 23 | Benjamin Harrison | 1.00 | 48 | C. Barber & Morgan. |
| 24 | William McKinley | 1.00 | 48 | Do. |
| 25 | Theodore Roosevelt | 1.00 | 48 | Do. |
| 26 | William H. Taft | 1.00 | 48 | Do. |

### ARMY.

[The dies of the first eight medals, commemorating events of the American Revolution and the War of 1812, were executed in France.]

| No. | Description. | Resolution of Congress. | Gold. | Silver. | Bronze. | Size. | Engraver. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Washington, before Boston | Mar. 25, 1776 | ..... | $5.15 | $2.00 | 42 | Duvivier. |
| 2 | Maj. Gen. Gates, for Saratoga | Nov. 4, 1777 | ..... | 3.15 | 1.50 | 34 | Gatteaux. |
| 3 | Brig. Gen. Morgan, for Cowpens. | Mar. 9, 1781 | ..... | 3.00 | 1.50 | 35 | Dupré. |
| 4 | Lieut. Col. John E. Howard, for same. | .....do..... | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 28 | Duvivier. |
| 5 | Lieut. Col. W. A. Washington, for same. | .....do..... | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 28 | Do. |
| 6 | Count De Fluery, for Stony Point. | July 26, 1779 | ..... | ..... | 1.25 | 25 | Do. |
| 7 | Maj. Gen. Anthony Wayne, for same. | .....do..... | ..... | 3.15 | 1.50 | 33 | Gatteaux. |
| 8 | Maj. Henry Lee, Paulus Hook. | Sept. 24, 1779 | ..... | 2.55 | 1.50 | 29 | J. Wright. |
| 9 | Maj. Gen. Nathanael Greene, for Eutaw Springs. | Oct. 29, 1781 | ..... | 3.30 | 1.50 | 36 | Dupré. |
| 10 | Maj. Gen. Scott, for Chippewa and Niagara. | Nov. 3, 1814 | ..... | 4.05 | 1.50 | 40 | Fürst. |
| 11 | Maj. Gen. Gaines, for Fort Erie | .....do..... | ..... | 4.05 | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 12 | Maj. Gen. Porter, for Chippewa, Niagara, and Erie. | .....do..... | ..... | 4.05 | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 13 | Maj. Gen. Brown, for same | .....do..... | ..... | 4.05 | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 14 | Brig. Gen. Miller, for same | .....do..... | ..... | 4.05 | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 15 | Brig. Gen. Ripley, for same | .....do..... | ..... | 4.20 | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |

## Price List of Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals which can be Obtained at the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia—Continued.

### ARMY—Continued.

| No. | Description. | Resolution of Congress. | Gold. | Silver. | Bronze. | Size. | Engraver. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | Maj. Gen. Macomb, battle of Plattsburgh. | Nov. 3,1814 | ..... | $4.20 | $1.50 | 40 | Fürst. |
| 17 | Maj. Gen. Jackson, battle of New Orleans. | Feb. 27,1815 | ..... | 4.20 | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 18 | Maj. Gen. Harrison, for Thames | Apr. 4,1818 | ..... | 4.05 | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 19 | Gov. Isaac Shelby, for same | .....do..... | ..... | 4.05 | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 20 | Col. George Croghan, for Sandusky. | Feb. 13,1835 | ..... | 4.05 | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 21 | Maj. Gen. Taylor, for Palo Alto. | July 16,1846 | ..... | 4.05 | 1.50 | 40 | Chapman & Peale. |
| 22 | Maj. Gen. Taylor, for Monterey. | Mar. 2,1847 | ..... | 4.05 | 1.50 | 40 | Unknown. |
| 23 | Maj. Gen. Taylor, for Buena Vista. | May 9,1848 | ..... | 10.20 | 3.00 | 56 | C. C. Wright. |
| 24 | Maj. Gen. Scott, for battles in Mexico. | Mar. 9,1848 | ..... | 10.20 | 3.00 | 56 | Do. |
| 25 | Maj. Gen. Grant | Dec. 17,1863 | ..... | 18.80 | 5.00 | 64 | Paquet. |
| 26 | Pennsylvania Volunteers, action on Lake Erie. | ..... | ..... | 3.75 | 1.50 | 38 | Fürst. |
| 27 | Maj. Gen. Scott (Commonwealth of Virginia). | ..... | ..... | 10.20 | 3.00 | 56 | C. C. Wright. |
| 28 | Col. Armstrong (village of Kittanning). | ..... | ..... | 2.25 | 1.00 | 27 | Unknown. |

### NAVY.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | John Paul Jones, for Serapis | Oct. 16,1787 | ..... | $3.60 | $1.50 | 36 | Dupré. |
| 2 | Capt. Thomas Truxton, for action with La Vengeance. | Mar. 29,1800 | ..... | 3.45 | 1.50 | 35 | Unknown. |
| 3 | Capt. Preble, before Tripoli | Mar. 3,1805 | ..... | 4.05 | 1.50 | 40 | Reich. |
| 4 | Capt. Hull, for capture of Guerriere. | Jan. 29,1813 | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 5 | Capt. Jacob Jones, for capture of Frolic. | .....do..... | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 40 | Fürst. |
| 6 | Capt. Decatur, for capture of Macedonian. | .....do..... | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 7 | Capt. Bainbridge, for capture of Java. | Mar. 3,1813 | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 8 | Capt. Burrows, for capture of Boxer. | Jan. 6,1814 | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 9 | Lieut. McCall, for same | .....do..... | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 10 | Capt. Perry, capture of British fleet on Lake Erie. | .....do..... | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 11 | Capt. Elliott, for same | .....do..... | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 12 | Capt. Lawrence, for capture of Peacock. | Jan. 11,1814 | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 13 | Capt. Macdonough, for capture of British fleet on Lake Champlain. | May 20,1814 | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 14 | Capt. Henley, for same | .....do..... | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 15 | Lieut. Cassin, for same | .....do..... | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 16 | Capt. Warrington, for capture of Epervier. | Oct. 21,1814 | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 17 | Capt. Blakely, for capture of Reindeer. | Nov. 3,1814 | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 18 | Capt. Biddle, for capture of Penguin. | Feb. 22,1816 | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 19 | Capt. Stewart, for capture of Cyane and Levant. | .....do..... | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 40 | Do. |
| 20 | Rescue of officers and crew of Brig Somers. | Mar. 3,1847 | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 36 | C. C. Wright. |
| 21 | Capt. Ingraham | Aug. 4,1854 | ..... | 18.80 | 5.00 | 64 | Cross & Longacre. |
| 22 | Capt. Perry (State of Pennsylvania), capture of fleet on Lake Erie. | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 38 | Fürst. |
| 23 | Cornelius Vanderbilt | Jan. 28,1864 | ..... | 6.35 | 2.00 | 48 | Ellis. |
| 24 | Capts. Creighton, Low, and Stouffer, wreck of steamer San Francisco. | ..... | ..... | 6.05 | 2.00 | 47 | Unknown. |
| 25 | Same, by Congress | July 26,1866 | ..... | 6.80 | 2.00 | 50 | Paquet. |
| 26 | Commodore M. C. Perry, from merchants of Boston. | ..... | ..... | 4.05 | 1.50 | 40 | F. N. Mitchell. |
| 27 | Metis (shipwreck) medal | Feb. 24,1873 | ..... | 3.90 | 1.50 | 40 | W. & C. Barber. |
| 28 | John Horn, life saving | June 20,1874 | ..... | 2.20 | 1.00 | 30 | C. Barber. |
| 29 | Lieut. Victor Blue (State of North Carolina). | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.50 | 36 | Morgan. |
| 30 | Shipwreck medal | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.50 | 40 | Ellis. |
| 31 | United States Coast Survey, for gallantry and humanity. | ..... | ..... | ..... | .50 | 21 | Unknown. |
| 32 | Departure of American fleet | ..... | $127.00 | 5.00 | 1.00 | 38x50 | Barber & Morgan. |

## Price List of Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals which can be Obtained at the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia—Continued.

### WASHINGTON.

| No. | Description. | Gold. | Silver. | Bronze. | Size. | Engraver. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Time increases his fame | $9.00 | $0.75 | $0.50 | 16 | Unknown. |
| 2 | Cabinet medal | 6.00 | .65 | .50 | 13 | Paquet. |
| 3 | Washington and Jackson | 5.00 | .60 | .50 | 11 | Unknown. |
| 4 | Commencement of coin cabinet | 82.00 | 2.65 | 1.00 | 37 | Paquet. |
| 5 | Presidency relinquished | 32.50 | 1.50 | 1.00 | 25 | Reich. |
| 6 | Allegiance | 16.00 | .75 | .50 | 19 | Paquet. |
| 7 | Washington and Lincoln | 5.00 | .60 | .50 | 11 | Unknown. |
| 8 | Washington and Grant | 5.00 | .60 | .50 | 11 | Do. |
| 9 | Washington wreath | 5.00 | .60 | .50 | 11 | Paquet. |
| 10 | Washington, before Boston | ..... | 5.15 | 2.00 | 42 | Duvivier. |
| 11 | Washington, President | ..... | ..... | 1.00 | 48 | Do. |

### SECRETARIES OF THE TREASURY.

| No. | Name. | Gold. | Silver. | Bronze. | Size. | Engraver. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | William Windom | $210.00 | $6.75 | $2.00 | 48 | Barber & Morgan. |
| 2 | John G. Carlisle | 210.00 | 6.75 | 2.00 | 48 | Do. |
| 3 | Daniel Manning | 210.00 | 6.75 | 2.00 | 48 | Morgan. |
| 4 | Lyman J. Gage | 210.00 | 6.75 | 2.00 | 48 | Barber & Morgan. |
| 5 | Leslie M. Shaw | 117.00 | 5.00 | 2.00 | 48 x 34 | Do. |
| 6 | George B. Cortelyou | 52.00 | 2.25 | .50 | 36 x 24 | Morgan. |

### DIRECTORS OF THE MINT.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | David Rittenhouse | $58.00 | $2.50 | $1.25 | 28 | Barber. |
| 2 | Robert M. Patterson | 116.00 | 4.20 | 1.50 | 43 | C. C. Wright. |
| 3 | J. Ross Snowden | 251.00 | 7.50 | 2.50 | 50 | Paquet. |
| 4 | James Pollock | 169.00 | 6.00 | 2.00 | 48 | W. Barber. |
| 5 | Henry Linderman | 169.00 | 6.00 | 2.00 | 48 | Do. |
| 6 | Horatio C. Burchard | 169.00 | 6.00 | 2.00 | 48 | Barber & Morgan. |
| 7 | James P. Kimball | 169.00 | 6.00 | 2.00 | 48 | Do. |
| 8 | Edward O. Leech | 169.00 | 6.00 | 2.00 | 48 | Do. |
| 9 | Robert E. Preston | 169.00 | 6.00 | 2.00 | 48 | Do. |
| 10 | George E. Roberts | 169.00 | 6.00 | 2.00 | 49 | Barber. |

### MISCELLANEOUS.

| No. | Description. | Resolution of Congress. | Gold. | Silver. | Bronze. | Size. | Engraver. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | James A. Garfield | ..... | $8.50 | $0.75 | $0.50 | 16 | Barber. |
| 2 | Lincoln and Garfield | ..... | 5.00 | .60 | .50 | 11 | W. & C. Barber. |
| 3 | Pennsylvania Bicentennial | ..... | 8.50 | .65 | .50 | 16 | Morgan. |
| 4 | Valley Forge Centennial | ..... | 33.50 | 1.65 | 1.00 | 25 | W. Barber. |
| 5 | Lincoln and Grant | ..... | 5.00 | .60 | .50 | 11 | Do. |
| 6 | Lincoln, broken column | ..... | 5.00 | .60 | .50 | 11 | Do. |
| 7 | Japanese Embassy | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.00 | 43 | Paquet. |
| 8 | Frederick Rose | May 11, 1858 | ..... | 6.00 | 2.50 | 48 | Do. |
| 9 | Louis Agassiz | ..... | 105.50 | 3.75 | 1.50 | 40 | W. Barber. |
| 10 | Indian Peace Medal (George II) | ..... | 43.00 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 27 | Unknown. |
| 11 | Hosack | ..... | 24.25 | 1.25 | .50 | 21 | Fürst. |
| 12 | First Steam Coinage | ..... | 9.00 | .75 | .50 | 17 | Unknown. |
| 13 | Pacific Railroad | ..... | 43.50 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 28 | W. Barber. |
| 14 | Emancipation Proclamation | ..... | 39.50 | 1.75 | 1.00 | 28 | Do. |
| 15 | Cyrus W. Field | Mar. 2, 1867 | ..... | 16.00 | 5.00 | 64 | Do. |
| 16 | Joseph Pancoast | ..... | 231.50 | 7.00 | 2.00 | 48 | Do. |
| 17 | Indian Peace (Grant) | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.00 | 40 | Unknown. |
| 18 | Hayes, Indian Peace, oval | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.00 | 48 x 38 | Morgan. |
| 19 | Garfield, same | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.00 | 48 x 38 | Barber & Morgan. |
| 20 | Arthur, same | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.00 | 48 x 38 | Do. |
| 21 | Cleveland, same | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.00 | 48 x 38 | Do. |
| 22 | Harrison, same | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.00 | 48 x 38 | Do. |
| 23 | Let Us Have Peace (Grant) | ..... | 39.50 | 1.75 | 1.00 | 28 | W. Barber. |
| 24 | Seward-Robinson | Mar. 1, 1871 | ..... | 7.00 | 2.50 | 48 | Paquet. |
| 25 | United States Diplomatic, July 4, 1776 | ..... | ..... | 4.50 | 2.00 | 45 | Dupré. |
| 26 | Great Seal | ..... | 95.50 | 3.75 | 1.50 | 39 | C. Barber. |
| 27 | Joseph Francis | Aug. 27, 1888 | ..... | 18.80 | 8.00 | 64 | St. Gaudens. |
| 28 | Lincoln Centennial | ..... | 106.00 | 4.50 | 1.00 | 38 | Morgan. |
| 29 | Wright Brothers | Mar. 4, 1909 | ..... | 5.00 | 1.00 | 52 x 36 | Do. |
| 30 | Abraham Lincoln | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.00 | 48 | Ellis. |

The diameter of the medals is expressed by numbers, each of which indicates the sixteenth part of an inch.

The cost stated for gold and silver medals is an approximate estimate only.